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GERMANY'S LATEST DEFIANCE



French soldiers in the Ruhr making soup for the daily distribution to German women and children. The French are deciding on measures to end the "folded arms" strike of the German miners.

NO DIVORCE

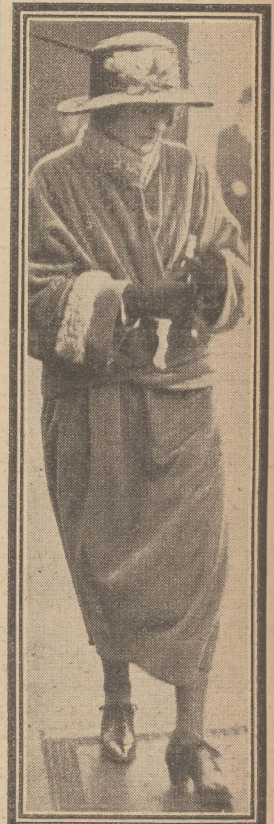


Lady Maxwell-Wilshire, formerly Miss Lilian Birtles, the actress, whose decree nisi against her husband, Sir Gerard Arthur Maxwell-Wilshire, was rescinded yesterday.



Sir Gerard Maxwell-Wilshire, Bart. was an actor when he met his wife.

DECREE GRANTED



Mrs. Marguerite Crofton leaving the Law Courts after being granted a decree nisi against the Hon. Arthur Marcus Lowther Crofton. The suit was undefended.

CHARGE AGAINST DETECTIVE



Cecil Carey, of the C.I.D., who appeared at the Old Bailey yesterday, charged with the secretary of a club with manufacturing false evidence. It is alleged that extra money was put in a stolen bag.

IN DIVORCE COURT



Mrs. Crump, a blind woman, whose marriage with a blind man was annulled in Divorce Court yesterday. She admitted having had a blind lover.



Lieutenant Shephard, R.A.F. (left) leaving the Law Courts yesterday with a friend after being granted a decree of nullity of his marriage.

DEAD PEER'S WILL SECRET



The Duke of Leinster, whose trustee in bankruptcy yesterday withdrew his opposition to probate of the will of the late Duke after a sealed packet left by him had been opened.

DARING RAIDS BY CYCLIST ROBBERS.

£500 Stolen from Moving Van in Daylight.

£1,500 RING HAUL.

Lightning Raider Makes Off with Fifty Rngs.

Two daring robberies by cyclists were committed yesterday, one in Holloway in broad daylight and the other at Bath.

The Holloway thief cycled behind a bread van on the way to a bank. Throwing his machine aside he jumped into the van and secured a bag containing over £500 in notes and silver.

Then he leapt into a motor-car which was also following the van and got clear away.

Yesterday evening a man entered the shop of Mr. Vokes, Milsom-street, Bath, and made off with a case of fifty rings valued at £1,500. He got clear away on a bicycle.

LIGHTNING THEFT.

Agility of Cyclist Who Discarded Machine and Leapt Into Van.

The London robbery was a very swift affair. It appears that Mr. C. H. Davies, manager of Messrs. Price and Co.'s bakery, Pine-lane, Tollington Park, N., accompanied by Mr. Clarke, an employee of the same firm, was driving down Fonthill-road on the way to the bank, in a closed two-wheeled bread van.

Between his feet Mr. Davies had a bag containing—

£148 in £1 Treasury notes,
£148 in 10s. Treasury notes,
£84 in silver.

Three cheques of the face value of £372.

Suddenly Mr. Davies felt someone seize his two feet, and looking down, saw the bag disappear into the back of the van.

At the same time he fell forward, and this caused the horse to bolt.

When the horse eventually stopped, he got down, and a Mr. Thomas, who was driving a private car, called him and told him that he had seen a man following the van closely on a bicycle.

LEAPT INTO CAR.

This man undid the pins securing the tail-board, then threw his bicycle down in the road, sprang into the van and abstracted the bag.

By this time a motor-car containing three men had drawn up and was following closely behind the van.

The bag was tossed into this car, into which the man who had taken the bag also jumped. The car then made a dash across Seven Sisters-road, and just succeeded in passing between two trams which were travelling in opposite directions.

Mr. Thomas pursued the robbers, but ran into a tramcar and was unable to continue.

The car is described as a Ford four-seater private car, painted dark brown, with a black hood.

Apparently Mr. Davies had been carefully watched, and the thieves must have known that he was in the habit of going to the bank every Monday with the week-end takings.

"GRIPPED FROM BEHIND."

Mr. Davies, the manager of Messrs. Price and Co., told a graphic story of the robbery.

"I was sitting beside the coachman," he said, "and we were going through Fonthill-road at about ten miles an hour, when suddenly I felt my ankles gripped from behind.

"I never expected to be attacked from behind. I always carry my bag at my feet, so as to have both arms free, ready for anything that might happen.

"Carrying so large a sum of money always makes me keep a good look-out. My feet were pulled from under me and I was shot forward over the front of the cart. At the same time I felt the bag leave me.

"I shouted to the coachman to stop, and as I took a flying leap out of the cart the Ford car in which was the man with my money nearly ran me down as it dashed past.

"Mr. Thomas gave chase in his car, and so did another man in a car, but the thieves managed to get away. I saw them cross Seven Sisters-road at a tremendous speed, and they just missed a tramcar and went up Isledon-road towards Highbury."

£1,500 HAUL OF RINGS.

Man Snatches Tray at Jeweller's and Rides Off on Cycle.

A well-dressed man, aged about thirty-five, carried out a daring robbery last evening at the shop of Mr. Vokes, a jeweller, of Milsom-street, Bath.

The man, who had previously been to the shop to look at rings, returned and asked to have a glass put in his watch.

While he waited an assistant went to the back of the shop, and Miss Vokes placed a tray of rings on the counter.

Snatching up the tray, the man ran out of the shop, and, leaping on a cycle, made off with the rings, which are valued at £1,500.

GIRL'S FIRE ROBE.

Youth Denies Allegations at a Ramsgate Inquest.

CORONER'S COMMENT.

"She came running downstairs like a ball of fire," said James Dowling, an airman, who gave evidence at a Ramsgate inquest yesterday on Amelia Hickson, nineteen, who died as the result of burns.

Dowling made an extraordinary allegation against a youth of eighteen named William Adams, saying that while the girl was rushing downstairs with her clothing ablaze Adams stood above laughing.

Dowling further declared that when he asked Adams to bring water to extinguish the flames he refused to do so.

Adams denied the allegations. He said that earlier in the evening the girl's skirt caught alight while she was standing in front of the fire in her room, and he ripped the garment off and put the flames out.

He was still in the room when the girl's clothing again became ignited, but, he said, before he could do anything she had rushed out of the door and down the stairs.

Examined by the coroner, Adams admitted a statement by Dowling that he had repudiated having a quarrel with the girl.

Returning a verdict of Accidental death, the coroner said that Adams' evidence was most unsatisfactory.

DEADLY GERMS ASTRAY.

Tube Found in Hall Where Whist Drive Had Been Held.

The fourth discovery within a short period of tubes of bacteria found in public places was reported yesterday from Haslemere, Surrey.

Three tubercle bacilli, typhoid, cholera and smallpox were found addressed to a local doctor. One was discovered in a hall after a whist drive, and the other two in the street.

The tubes were securely sealed. They are now in the hands of a pathological expert at Guildford.

LARGER BOROUGHES?

Lord Onslow Likely To Be Chairman of New Commission.

The name of Lord Onslow is freely mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of a new commission which is to be set up on the subject of the extension of borough boundaries, writes *The Daily Mirror* political correspondent.

The urgency of investigation into this matter has been amply illustrated at the late of applications from Leeds, Sheffield and other large cities to extend their boundaries.

SAVED TWO LIVES AT 96.

Old Man Discovers Wife and Child Stupefied by Gas.

Awakened early yesterday by a smell of gas, Mr. Charles Korck, aged ninety-six, of Beaconsfield Villas, Brighton, found a picture in the hall had fallen, striking a statue on a pedestal to which a gas bracket was attached.

Mr. Korck then went into an adjoining room, where his wife sleeps with their adopted child, a girl of eight. Mrs. Korck, who is eighty-two, was lying unconscious on the floor, and the child was in bed, stupefied by the fumes.

Mr. Korck summoned assistance and his wife was taken to hospital, where later she was stated to be progressing favourably. Mr. Korck refused to go to hospital and went home after treatment by a doctor in a neighbour's house. The child has recovered.

DUKE'S SEALED WILL.

Executors Upheld by Court in Leinster Dispute.

In the Probate Court yesterday Mr. Justice Hill heard an action concerning the estate of the late Duke of Leinster.

The plaintiffs were Lord Frederick Fitzgerald and Lord Kinnaird, who as executors pronounced a will dated July, 1918, and four codicils. Defendant was Mr. Frederick Seymour Salaman, trustee in bankruptcy of the present Duke.

Last November the Court gave leave for a sealed packet left by the late Duke to be opened, it being stated that it contained testamentary documents.

Witnesses were called, and the documents pronounced for. On the application of Mr. Cotes-Predy, Mr. Salaman was allowed costs out of the estate.

MISSING INSPECTOR MYSTERY.

Scotland Yard yesterday afternoon issued a description of Sub-Divisional Inspector William Keating, who has been missing since January 14 after having been returned as medically unfit for further service. One of the clues to the laundry mark "K" or "232" on the collar he was wearing.

HEADMASTER LOST.

Strange Disappearance After Tendering Resignation.

CONFLICTING CLUES.

Search is now being made for Mr. Douglas Stuart Corsbie, who disappeared from his home at St. Margaret's-on-Thames on April 1 last, and has not since been heard of by his wife and child.

The missing man, who was formerly headmaster of the Blue School, Isleworth, said he was leaving home for France and would then proceed to South Africa, but no passport was issued to him.

At the school he left a note resigning his appointment, and left his books there in good order.

It is known that he took a train from St. Margaret's Station and journeyed as far as Richmond. Meeting an acquaintance on the train, he said he was going to spend a few days in Brighton, but as far as can be ascertained, he did not reach that town.

The description given to *The Daily Mirror* is as follows:—Height 5ft. 10½in., athletic build, black hair, brown eyes, rather sallow.

Information should be sent to his wife's father, Mr. James Clark, The Corner House, Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire, or to the police at Abingdon, Berks.

SERVANT'S ROMANCE.

Lincoln Gamekeeper's Daughter Who Died Worth a Million Dollars.

Behind the sale by auction in Lincoln of magnificent furs and gorgeous robes of the late Miss Eliza Walker, of Pittsfield, U.S., a romantic story lies.

Miss Walker died recently in Lincoln, aged eighty, leaving her million-dollar estate to be divided among eight humble legatees. The daughter of a Lincolnshire gamekeeper, Miss Walker, when a young and beautiful girl, entered the service of a wealthy London couple, who, being childless, left her everything. Then she went to America, returning to Lincoln nine years ago.

POLITICAL TITLES.

Premier Appoints Committee to Pass List of Those Recommended.

Fulfilling the recommendations of the Honours Commission, the Premier has appointed a Committee to consider, before submitting to the King, the names and credentials of those suggested as recipients of titles for political services—the awards which were not included in the New Year list.

Lord Dunsedin is the chairman of the Committee and the other members are Lord Midway and Sir Evelyn Cecil, M.P., with Mr. James Rae, of the Treasury, as secretary.

CARTRIDGES IN COAL?

Home Office Investigating Mystery Cause of Stove Explosion.

Home Office concern at the frequency of coal explosion in stoves and open grates throughout the country is indicated by the dispatch yesterday of an inspector to investigate a mysterious occurrence at Oldbury, Penn., near Beaconsfield, where a large anthracite stove blew up in a bedroom.

There is a fairly general belief that most of these explosions during the last few years can be attributed to miners' unfired cartridges.

"If these cartridges are not detected at the pit or by the coal merchants they are capable of doing a great deal of damage," said a stove manufacturer.

A mining expert, however, declared that miners' cartridges are now being made in such a way that it is almost impossible for them to explode except when they are detonated.

WOMAN ATTACKED.

Footpads' Assault with Fists Before Snatching Handbag.

Two men who committed an assault on Mrs. Clara Woodgate of Mactice-road, West Kensington, are being searched for by the police.

Mrs. Woodgate was walking along the footpath carrying her bag, which is a black and gold one, when two men of working class appearance came up behind and, after hitting her with their fists, snatched the bag and ran away.

SYNAGOGUE ROBBED.

Burglars stole two Jewish sacred pointers and two white metal scroll bells from the synagogue in Devonshire street, Hackney, during the week-end. The value of the property is £10.

KING'S PROCTOR AND ACTRESS.

Intervention in Suit of Lady Maxwell-Willshire.

DECREE RESCINDED.

Sequel to Baronet's Stage Wedding in Austria.

On the intervention of the King's Proctor the decree nisi granted last May to Lady Maxwell-Willshire against Sir Gerard Arthur Maxwell-Willshire was rescinded yesterday in the Divorce Court.

Lady Maxwell-Willshire was formerly Miss Lilian Birtles, the actress, and she met her husband when both were playing in "Kismet" in Australia.

In her divorce petition she alleged misconduct and statutory desertion against her husband, who holds one of the oldest baronetcies in Great Britain.

Sir Gerard, who is thirty, left Sandhurst when he was nineteen to go on the stage; he served in the ranks during the war.

NO ANSWER FILED.

Misconduct at Time Wife Began Her Divorce Proceedings.

Counsel for the King's Proctor said petitioner, Lady Maxwell-Willshire, filed her divorce petition in November, 1921. The case was heard undefended and a decree nisi granted last May.

The King's Proctor made inquiries, and now alleged that Lady Maxwell-Willshire had herself been guilty of misconduct with a man named George William Higgs at an hotel in Sheerness, at Sunnybank, Eastchurch, and with the same man in November, 1921, at a flat.

No answer had been filed to the King's Proctor's allegations, and Lady Maxwell-Willshire's solicitors had intimated that the case would not be contested.

BLIND WIFE'S LOVER.

Three Afflicted Persons in Nullity Suit—Decree for Woman.

Three blind people were mentioned in the Divorce Court yesterday when Mr. Ethel Crump, of Birkenhead, was granted a nullity decree.

Both parties are blind, and Mrs. Crump had to be led into the witness-box.

There was no defence. Mrs. Crump said she went through a form of marriage with the respondent in 1910. She admitted having relations with another man, also blind.

HUSBAND'S COMPLAINT.

Decree Nisi for Wife Who Married Peer's Younger Son.

A husband who was stated to have complained to his wife that her solicitor had been dogging and serving him with notice was mentioned in the Divorce Court yesterday when Mrs. Marguerite Crofton, of Camberley, was granted a decree nisi against the Hon. Arthur Marcus Lowther Crofton, younger son of Lord Crofton.

The suit was undefended. Mrs. Crofton stated that she was married in November, 1919, at St. Saviour's Church, Paddington.

Her husband was born in Ireland, but was now domiciled in England. In July, 1922, she got a restitution order, which he had not obeyed.

Her husband, in August, 1922, made the complaint quoted above, adding that he should never return to her, and if she wanted to divorce him, instead of worrying him and his friends, he would provide her with evidence.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

To-day's Weather. — Mainly fair; mild. Lighting-up time: 5.30 p.m.

Battleships Named.—The two new battleships laid down in December will be named Nelson and Rodney.

Veteran Admiral Ill.—Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Fowell, who is ninety-five, is seriously ill at Stevenage (Herts.).

Lord Kinnaird's condition still gives rise to anxiety. A memorial service for the late Lady Kinnaird will be held at St. James', Piccadilly, W., at half-past two to-morrow.

Gordon's Death.—The Ven. F. B. Macnutt, Archdeacon of Leicester, preached the usual anniversary sermon on the death of General Gordon at Sandringham on Sunday.

Last of the 7th.—James Taylor, eighty-seven, the last of the 7th Hussars, who fought in the Indian Mutiny in the same regiment as his father, died yesterday at Nottingham.

Found Brother Shot dead.—Mr. D. H. Gainsford, director of a motor firm at Northampton, was found shot dead at his farm at Weston, Norfolk, where he had gone for the benefit of his health with his wife. Hackers discovered the tragedy. A sporting gun was on the floor.

GERMAN PLAN FOR GENERAL STRIKE IN RUHR FAILS

Miners Return at Two Big Centres—Foch's Plans to End Defiance.

GERMAN TROOPS REPORTED TO BE MOVING

General Ludendorff Present at Operations Just Beyond Area Held by French Army.

German miners started a strike in the Ruhr yesterday when they descended the pits, but refused to work. The movement for a general strike failed, however, and there were only partial strikes.

Marshal Foch met M. Poincaré and other French Ministers in Paris and decided on measures to be taken for putting an end to this latest defiance. If necessary, all German officials will be expelled from the Rhineland, and a Customs barrier will be set up east of the occupied territory, thus completely cutting off the Ruhr from the rest of the country.

German troops reported to be on the move just beyond the Ruhr. General Ludendorff, it is said, watched entraining exercises at Munster, a few miles east.

RESISTING GERMANS TO FAILURE OF GENERAL STRIKE IN THE RUHR.

Food and Protection Only for Those Who Work. Railmen to Join If Fresh Arrests Are Made.

TRIAL OF MAGNATES.

PARIS, Monday.

M. Poincaré presided at a meeting of the Cabinet here to-day. M. Maginot, the Minister for War, and Marshal Foch were present.

It was decided that military or economic measures should be applied in the Ruhr according to the progress of events.

According to the *Temps*, steps are being taken to recruit engineers at all mining and metallurgical centres for urgent dispatch to the Ruhr.

A message from Essen states that the postal director at Essen and the general manager of the railways at Essen have been released conditionally.—Reuter.

France's next action (says a Central News message) will be to break up the strikes in the Ruhr by affording protection to all who want to work and by feeding them.

It is believed here that Germany hopes to provoke the French into taking military action and then to call upon other nations to intervene. France, however, is proceeding very cautiously. The general belief in Paris is that if Germany cannot get deliveries of coal she will be forced to give in first.

It need be said that *Le Petit Parisien*, France will not hesitate to play her trump card by completely cutting off the Ruhr district and the Rhineland from the rest of Germany.

A Mayence telegram says the trial of the coal magnates and officials will take place on Wednesday, concluding the same day.

The revenue director at Mayence and two inspectors have been arrested for refusing to comply with the requirements of the military authorities.—Exchange.

TERMS TO GERMANY.

France's Conditions for Grant of Two Years' Moratorium.

PARIS, Monday.

M. Barthou will to-night confidentially communicate to his Allied colleagues on the Reparations Commission the text of the French plan for a moratorium.

France proposes a moratorium of two years, during which Germany must pay 2,500,000,000 gold marks in cash and in kind.

It is the great German industrialists who should procure the necessary funds for Germany and also the 1,000,000,000 gold marks to aid in the stabilisation of the mark.

In exchange Germany would give the industrial income bonds.

To assure the restoration to health of German finances, a series of measures would be provided for, including the replacing of existing credits by Government stocks, a levying of 25 per cent. on various forms of German wealth, the creation of monopolies and the farming out of these monopolies and of other industrial State services, the leasing of mines, forests and gas pits and the payment of certain sums by those granted concessions.

A control furnished with effective powers would be exercised on German receipts and expenditure. This system would be completed by pledges as known.—Exchange.

MARKS 406 A PENNY: FRANC DROPS.

There was a sharp fall yesterday in the value of the mark, which was quoted in London at 97.500 to the £ (406 a penny). The French franc also depreciated to 72.65, and at one time touched 75.02—the lowest quotation yet.

MAN SHOT DEAD BY GIRL IN OFFICE.

Life History Related as Prelude to Paris Crime.

NOTED WRITER'S ESCAPE.

'Regret' That She Could Not Kill M. Leon Daudet.

PARIS, Monday.

An editor of the Royalist newspaper, *L'Action Française*, M. Marius Plateau, was assassinated to-day at his office by a woman anarchist, named Germaine Berton, aged twenty-one.

She fired five revolver shots at M. Plateau and then attempted to commit suicide.

Berton called on M. Leon Daudet, the well-known writer and director of *L'Action Française*, on Saturday.

He refused to see her and referred her to the secretary of the newspaper. She visited the secretary the same evening and handed him a letter in which she recounted the history of her life.

Berton returned to the office of the newspaper this afternoon and asked to see M. Plateau, who was with the secretary on Saturday.

Suddenly five shots rang out. M. Plateau stumbled into the corridor, where he died a moment later.

In the meantime, Berton turned the weapon against herself, without fatal results. As she was being taken to hospital she declared that she regretted that she had been unable to shoot M. Leon Daudet.—Reuter.

According to a Central News telegram, which refers to Berton as "he," the assassin declared that he wished to kill M. Daudet in revenge for the murder of Jean Jaurez (the Socialist who was shot dead in a Paris café just before the outbreak of war), and added: "I did my duty."



M. Leon Daudet.

DOCTOR'S DAUGHTER DROWNED

Follower of Quorn Hunt Found Dead in Disused Quarry.

The body of Miss Dorothy Berridge, aged twenty-four, daughter of Dr. W. H. Berridge of Cliff House, Esherby, about nine miles from Leicester, was discovered yesterday in a disused quarry near her home that contains water 30ft. deep.

Miss Berridge, who was a sister of Mr. W. C. M. Berridge, the Malvern and Leicestershire cricketer, was missed from home on Sunday night, and an all-night search was made.

VALUER'S MYSTERY FATE.

£1 Found on Body of Man Who "Never Carried Less Than £20."

The mystery surrounding the fate of Mr. William James Clark, a surveyor and valuer, of Manor Park, whose body was found on the foreshore at Purfleet, was not solved at yesterday's inquest, which was adjourned for a fortnight.

It was stated in evidence that though Mr. Clark had never less than £20 with him, only £1 and fourpence was found on the body. Dr. L. G. Jago said there were no external marks of violence on the body. From the condition of the lungs he did not think Clark attempted to breathe after reaching the water. He was not prepared to certify that the dead man was technically drowned.

The coroner said in view of the medical evidence the internal organs would be preserved for examination by Home Office experts.

"TERRIERS" NEEDED.

Recruiting Averages 430 a Week—Still 40,000 Short.

By Our Political Correspondent.

The first three months of the new recruiting year of the Territorial Army have produced 5,387 recruits—an average of some 430 a week.

London, which held the premier place, has now to give way to the Western Command, which in three months produced 973 men.

The total strength of the Territorial's exclusive of their permanent staff, is now 134,241—a figure approximately 2,000 in excess of the strength in January, 1922.

Some 40,000 men are still required to complete the peace establishment of the Territorial Army.

GARDEN'S WINTER POSY.

A fragrant posy of wallflowers, primroses, violets and stock reached *The Daily Mirror* office last night.

The flowers were sent by Mrs. M. Allan Forbes, of St. Leonard's, Bathampton, Somerset, who writes: "I gathered them out of the garden. We have had them growing all winter."



Mr. James Fawn, the veteran music hall singer, who has died aged seventy-two. One of his best-known songs was "Ask a Policeman."



Bishop Manning, of New York, whose authority has been defied by the unorthodox rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fifth Avenue.

WEDDING BELLS IN APRIL FOR DUKE OF YORK?

Preliminary Arrangements Made at Sandringham.

WHITE LODGE AS NEW HOME.

The Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon are expected to fix a day towards the end of April as the date of their marriage.

During their week-end visit to the King and Queen at Sandringham they talked over with their Majesties the arrangements for the wedding, and the final decision as to time and place is expected to be officially announced very soon.

Honeymoon plans are indefinite, but it may be taken as certain that the young couple will reside at White Lodge, Richmond Park. This will mean the giving up of his life tenancy by Earl Farnham, who placed White Lodge at the absolute disposal of the King for the benefit of the Duke and his bride.

Moreover, this, it is expected, will not represent the full extent of the Earl's generosity.

When the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon arrived at Liverpool-street Station yesterday afternoon on their return from Sandringham, people thronged the platform, the adjacent carriage-way and the bridges commanding a view of the platform, and cheered them very heartily.

The Duke walked bareheaded, and Lady Elizabeth, who was dressed in French blue, continually smiled and bowed in acknowledgment. She and the Duke then drove to her parents' house at Bruton-street.

On Thursday evening the Duke will attend the Albert Hall to see a display of physical exercises by the children of London schools. After this he leaves for Scotland, returning to town on Sunday morning.

NINE WOMEN KILLED.

Shell Explodes in Casemate of Old Fortress at Ingolstadt.

DUSSELDORF, Monday.

As the result of a shell exploding in a casemate of an old fortress at Ingolstadt eleven persons, including nine women, were killed.—Central News.

CAT CAUSES A FIRE.

Candle Knocked Over in Room Where Wake Had Been Held.

Straying yesterday into a room at Bootle where a wake had just been held, a cat knocked over one of the candles placed round the corpse.

The covering of the corpse caught fire and the furniture was damaged by flames and water.

BUYING BRITISH COAL.

Steamers Chartered to Hamburg—Boom in Pig Iron.

Coal exporters at Hull, says an agency, continue to be inundated with telegrams from German coal importers, chiefly at Hamburg, trying to secure Yorkshire coal.

Already, it is said, a large number of coal cargoes have been sold against cash deposited in English banks and steamers are being chartered to carry the coals to Hamburg on the basis of a freight rate of 8s. 3d. a ton.

On the other hand, another agency says, Hull coal exporters are not accepting orders from Germany at the moment.

Pig Iron Demand.—A sharp advance in pig iron quotations was experienced in the Cleveland Iron Market yesterday as a result of a flood of orders, due no doubt to the Ruhr crisis. There will soon be a genuine scarcity.

"DRY" LONDON ELECTION.

Mr. E. Scrymgeour, Prohibition M.P. for Dundee, is to speak for Mr. S. M. Holden, the Prohibition candidate for Whitechapel, where polling will probably take place on February 8.

The Conservatives last night decided not to contest the seat. The other candidates are Mr. T. D. Kiley (Liberal) and Mr. H. Gosling (Labour).

PARIS, Monday.

The last edition of the *Liberte* says that the strike is now almost general in the Ruhr basin. The strike began in the morning when the men descended into the pits, but did not work.

The Foreign Office, however, asserts that the general strike has failed. Railroads are running to schedule and the Dortmund and Recklinghausen miners have resumed work.

A French official statement issued at Dortmund asserts that the strike is at an end, and that the whole district is peaceful, but that strikes are threatened at the State mines at Espies.

A Government official at Wiesbaden has been expelled for refusing to communicate the French orders to his staff.

Similarly Herr von Henckelsberg, the Governor of Speier, has been relieved of his duties. German railwaymen's unions have decided to prevent any coal reaching France, and to declare an immediate general strike if there are any more arrests.

The Berlin correspondent of the Exchange states that 600 technical and clerical employees of the Rhinisch Westphalian Coal Syndicate are now at Hamburg.

Over ten tons of documents, containing all material data concerning organisation, production and sale have been removed from Essen. The Ruhr coal industry is now split into thirteen groups. The syndicate directs the sale of the whole production.

General Simon yesterday received a delegation of workmen from Herr Thyssen's works (second in size to Krupp's).

The delegates declared that if Herr Fritz Thyssen was not released 54,000 workers in shop and mine would cease work immediately.

LUDENDORFF'S REVIEW.

German Troops Reported on Edge of the Ruhr Area.

The *Matin* (quoted by the Exchange) states that movements of the Reichswehr troops are reported at the Munster headquarters of a German Army Corps on the eastern edge of the occupied Ruhr area.

Troop trains are being assembled. When General Ludendorff visited Munster during the week-end entraining exercises were carried out before him in the station.

"HATS OFF TO FRANCE."

French Gratitude to Lord Rothermere for "Decisive Approval."

PARIS, Monday.

The *Figaro*, commenting on Lord Rothermere's article in the *Sunday Pictorial*, entitled "Hats Off to France," says: "What support this approval is! To have right on your side, which is a necessary condition of success, is not always sufficient."

"It is necessary that it should be acknowledged and has need of publicity in order to triumph."

"What Lord Rothermere has done for us will have a resounding effect."

"Hats Off to France" is as good as a shoulder thrust against the barricaded door of the recalcitrant debtor.

The *Gaulois* rejoices in the clearly friendly feelings of Britain, and says: "Lord Rothermere has published with a courage and nobility, for which we thank him, a magnificent and decisive appeal in favour of French policy."—Reuter.

A GLORIOUS "HAIR-DRILL" FOR EVERY WOMAN.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY OF SECURING **FREE** ALL THE
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THE GIFT COMPRISES:

1. A large Trial Bottle of "Harlene-for-the-Hair."
2. A packet of the Magnificent Scalp-cleansing "Cremex" Beauty Hair Bath Shampoo.
3. Copy of the Official Manual for practising 'Harlene Hair-Drill.'
4. A bottle of "Uzon" for giving extra Lustre and Radiance to the Hair.

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"Daily Mirror," 23/1/23.

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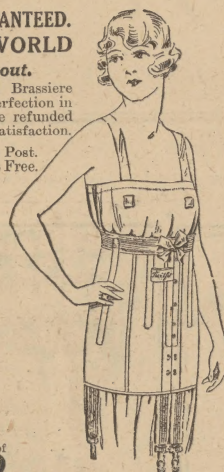


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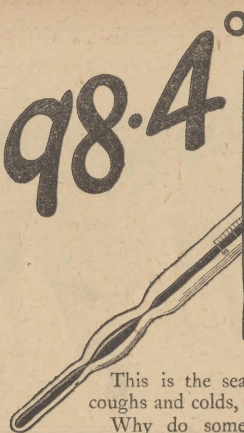
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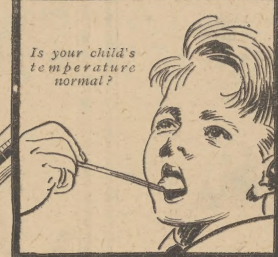
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1923

QUEER RUHR "TACTICS."

GERMAN RESISTANCE AND THE FRENCH REPLY.

THE latest news from the Ruhr seems to show that the German magnates, after for so long deceiving the Allies about the economic condition of Germany, are now endeavouring to impose upon German working-class opinion, by representing themselves as martyrs to the patriotic cause.

That the exploiters of the Ruhr miners should now begin to pose as their defenders against the invader is not surprising. We are used to these gymnastics.

At the same time, the managers of the Ruhr are playing a very dangerous game for themselves—a game also that can only react upon the workers whom they are instigating to resistance.

The last meeting of the French Cabinet clearly showed that France will not be put off by these subterfuges.

All that can happen, in reply to resistance, is further hardship for the Germans who are the victims of their rulers' plot.

If the passive resistance movement in the Ruhr is followed by the isolation of the whole valley the consequent suffering will fall upon the mass of the people who are being misled in this dishonourable fashion.

We have spoken of the responsibility of the Ruhr owners.

But does no responsibility belong, also, to those who, at this critical moment, are, by their writings and speeches, helping to give the Germans the false impression that they can rely on our momentary divergence from France, in order safely to persist in their policy of resistance?

It would be at least more prudent if those who seek to inflame public opinion against France would ascertain how far British opinion agrees with them.

We believe that it is on the side of France and that it is therefore represented by Lord Rothermere's article, which has been quoted all over France this week-end and has therefore performed a public service in helping to reunite us with our friends. It has usefully helped also to show our late enemies that they can expect nothing from us until they begin to fulfil their obligations.

"AN EGYPTIAN PRINCESS."

"OF all peoples," says an ancient historian, "the Egyptians care most about the manner of their burial."

That patient care, expended thousands of years ago, provides us to-day with the thrilling spectacle of perfectly preserved treasure-houses of the Egyptian dead.

They have just rescued the *tattooed* body of a Princess from one of them: a leader of fashion, perhaps, in times when young ladies "made up" in that manner.

Curious eyes will now gaze upon this long-hidden beauty whose hope (according to her religion) was no doubt that her body would remain hidden, in order that her soul might revisit it "during the long leisure of eternity."

Now her secret is profaned—much to the dissatisfaction of her soul.

But who cares about dim Egyptian souls in the Twentieth Century? Their religion was not ours, and so we conceive ourselves justified in ignoring their taboos and their "superstitions."

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 22.—If a large number of strong antirrhinums (snapdragons) are required for planting out in the spring, need should now be sown. Sow in boxes of sandy soil and place in a warm house. When the young plants appear they must be kept near the glass, and later on removed to cooler quarters. Prick them out in good time into a frame, inducing sturdy growth by allowing them plenty of light and air.

Antirrhinums have become wonderfully popular of late years. Their colours have been greatly improved, and, being easy to grow in any sunny position, are undoubtedly flowers worthy of mowing in gardens, great and small.

E. F. T.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

France and the Ruhr—Boys at School—Legal English—Betrothal Ceremonies—Flirtation Defended.

THE ONLY WAY.

GERMAN trade and industry since the war have gradually been recovering. Just before the occupation of the Ruhr they were more flourishing than those of most other countries. Yet, instead of paying more for reparations, Germany paid less and less, until at last she asked for nothing for a number of years.

Therefore it can be seen that with growing strength and wealth she was becoming more hypocritical and recalcitrant.

Taking guarantees, as the French have done, is the only remedy. A BUSINESS MAN.

ALTERNATIVES.

TO my mind the Germans are making an undue commotion about what is, comparatively speaking, an easy matter to settle—the occupation of the Ruhr.

When they invaded the northern districts of

WHAT DO THEY LEARN?

WHY is it that our boys seem to catch so many complaints at public schools, and private ones also? My boy is always perfectly well at home, but as soon as he gets back to school, I am written to and informed that there is an epidemic of something or other.

There seems to be no efficient method of protecting growing boys from infectious diseases at school. I. H.

YOUR readers have been praising our public schools as places of education for youth. I dare say there is much good in them, but, as regards education, I am afraid most boys learn nothing whatever at the average public school.

What they do with their time I am unable to imagine.

Both my boys spoke French fairly well before they went to a public school in England, but

WHEN WE ALL HAVE POCKET TELEPHONES.



We shall certainly be "rung up" at the most awkward moments in our daily lives!

France they gave no alternatives to the wretched inhabitants, swallowed up in the tide of invasion. The latter only had to bow to the demands of the conquerors with no means to allay the pitiless conditions.

But if the Germans comply with the just request of the French to give guarantees of payment every difficulty in the Ruhr will automatically cease. E. T. C. Southwick-crescent, W.2.

DIFFICULT DOCUMENTS.

SOME of your readers seem to think that the subject of legal English is to make everything so "safe" in a document, or letter, that there can be no evasions or mistakes about the matter in question.

Yet the Law Courts are full of disputed cases about wills and other documents.

Legal English, therefore, has not even this excuse for existing. W. M. J. Cromwell-road, S.W.

A BETROTHAL CEREMONY.

MOST girls find it quite easy to break off an engagement when they think it desirable to do so.

If there were a betrothal ceremony of a very formal kind, it would be almost as bad as a marriage.

Presumably all the girl's friends and relations would be told about the betrothal, and it would be all the more difficult to get out of it. M. WILLIAMS. Wimbledon.

the study of modern languages is so much neglected at most English schools that boys seem to forget them as soon as they go there.

I always take my boys to France for their summer holidays, and this seems to be the only useful education they get. THEIR MOTHER.

A DEFENCE OF FLIRTATION.

I WAS much interested in your recent article on flirtation.

There can be very few men or women whose lives are completely filled by one woman or man—even after marriage to the "one and only."

An attractive girl will remain attractive to a man even after his marriage to someone else—far more so to the unmarried man who has not met his "one and only."

Flirtation is not, to my mind, entirely a search after an ideal. It is largely a frank expression of the appeal nature has decreed the youth of one sex shall make to the youth of the other. That some flirtations result in disaster may be true, but this is not so much the fault of flirtation as the fault of one of the parties to it. I cannot believe that a girl does not instinctively know when a flirtation is likely to be dangerous. Woman's instinct is a very real thing. Nor do I believe that the majority of girls will encourage a flirtation which they consider dangerous.

The minority who do, for the sake of excitement, probably receive a lesson they are not likely to forget. R. A. Gold Coast Colony, West Africa.

HIGHER PAY FOR OUR CURATES.

A VICAR ON THE PROBLEM OF CHURCH STIPENDS.

By the REV. D. KENNEDY-BELL.

A LONDON vicar has lately opposed the wish of his parishioners that the stipends of his two curates should be increased from £250 to £300 per annum.

He gives as his reason the fact that so many curates receive less than £250, arguing that the best policy is first to level up all curates to a minimum of £250, and then to agitate towards £300 for all.

I cannot agree with this argument. Every problem finally resolves itself into a matter of a man's individual conscience.

"Do I myself believe that this reform is just and overdue? If so, then it is my duty to press it forward by precept and example, trusting that in time Mr. So-and-so and Mrs. Flow-do-you-do will see the error of their ways and follow my lead."

We pay both our curates in my parish £300 a year (subject to a "bachelor tax" of £50 a year! We make this distinction between "married" and "single" on principle, and hope that other parishes will follow our lead). And that not because we are a rich parish, for we are very poor, but because we feel that it is meet and right so to do. And half of this amount comes from the freewill offerings, in small sums, of the people themselves.

I am criticised continually by my brother vicars. I am told that I am "spoiling the market" and "setting a bad example."

I prefer criticism to a bad conscience: There used to be such a thing as a Golden Rule!

The contention of the vicar I have spoken of that before the war curates lived quite happily on £150 a year is, if I may say so, absurd.

LIVING ON "TIPS"!

Very few married curates "live," happily or otherwise, on £150 a year.

The theory that they did was simply a piece of that gorgeous camouflage in which our Victorian ancestors revelled. It was "ungentlemanly" to mention filthy lucre, or to publish balance-sheets, in those respectable days. But when you consider the size of the houses in which the Victorian curates were expected to live, the way they were expected to dress, the exclusive schools to which they sent their children—well, you smiled when you thought of that mythical £150!

If statistics dealing with the subject had been compiled it would have been found that some of these curates had aunts or other "in-laws" to live with them, others ran hopelessly into debt.

Others, again, and they the majority, if their lot happened to be cast in "comfortable"-class parishes, were "helped" by members of the congregation. "My dear, I had to send that last winter's coat round to Mrs. Jones. They are so dreadfully poor, you know. The man looks as if he hadn't had a good meal for months."

In other words, the happy curate on his £150 was "tipped" right and left like a railway porter, and everyone in the parish knew it!

For the dignity of the Church, and for the sake of his self-respect, it's up to us to ensure the curate against the necessity for accepting casual charity, by paying him a salary upon which he can live without anxiety or camouflage.

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Mr. Robert Radford, the famous bass singer, who is one of the founders of the National Opera Co.



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DUKE'S WORLD CRUISE.

German Air Peril—Omnibus Interpreters—Garvice on the Stage.

SEEKING NEW ADVENTURES the Duke of Westminster is, I hear, having fitted out in strictly seaman-like fashion a vessel in which he will make a long cruise—probably all round the world. It is a four-master, at present called *Sailing Cloud*, and it is lying in the river at Ipswich, where a local firm of yacht builders, Messrs. Orvis, is making the alterations.

From America.

The ship, I understand, was purchased in American waters, and was sailed to England by Captain Mills, who secured it for the Duke. It is now being fitted with alternative steam power. Forty Brightlingsea men have been engaged as crew, and the voyage will commence, probably, in the spring.

Exciting Episodes.

From the time he was A.D.C. to Lord Roberts in South Africa, the Duke of Westminster's life has never lacked excitement. He created a motor record years ago at Monte Carlo, later took up flying, and in the earlier stages of the war was prominent in a dash across the Egyptian desert as one of a party of fighting motorists. But perhaps he has never created a greater sensation than when he sold *The Blue Boy* to America in 1921.

Lady Serena Lumley—Step-mother.

Lady Serena Lumley's engagement to the Hon. Robert James will make her a step-mother, for Mr. James, who is a widower of fifty, has a son who is eighteen. Lady Serena, who is Lord Scarbrough's daughter, is herself only twenty-one. Mr. James' first wife, Lady Evelyn James, died about a year ago. She was a daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Wellington.

Pegging Out a Claim.

Mr. Alan Butler, the old Etonian and ex-Guards officer, who has been pegging out thousands of claims in parts of Labrador where gold has been discovered, tells me that when you think you have discovered a gold-bearing piece of land you put in a stake known as a "discovery stake" with your name on it. You then file a written claim at the Office of Mines, the yearly rental being eleven dollars. The "claim" is then yours so long as you pay the rent regularly.

Perfect After-Dinner Speech.

The Society of Civil Servants is to give its second annual dinner at the Connaught Rooms on February 16, at which H.R.H. the Duke of York, who is president of the Civil Service Sports Council, will be the guest of honour. It was at the first dinner, twelve months ago, that Lord Birkenhead, deputising for the ex-Premier, delivered his vastly amusing speech which was subsequently considered to be the best after-dinner speech of the year.

Family of Four.

That very lovely lady the Countess of Lisburne has just had another small daughter, thus giving her a family of four—one son and three daughters. Before her marriage in 1914 she was Senorita de Bittencourt, daughter of Don Julio de Bittencourt, Attaché to the Chilean Legation.



Countess of Lisburne.

Brunettes.

The Countess and her sister with their dark hair, dark eyes and wonderful complexions are typical South American beauties, and created quite a sensation when they were first introduced to London society. Earl and Countess of Lisburne are at the moment at their town house, but they are more often to be found at their family seat in Wales near Aberystwyth.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General

Mr. Asquith's Holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Asquith are spending a quiet holiday at Sutton Courtney and are not coming to town before the opening of Parliament. They have Lady Bonham-Carter and her children staying with them, but no one else just now.

In Memory of the "Love Lyrics."

I suppose Amy Woodforde-Finden's "Indian Love Lyrics" will rank as the most popular ballad composition of the last generation. Even to-day they are difficult to escape if one is not quite a recluse. Mrs. Woodforde-Finden was born at Hampsthwaite, a small village just outside Harrogate, where, I hear, a handsome memorial to her is to be erected.

Ellis Island Scandal.

The latest Ellis Island scandal must surely suggest to the Americans that they ought to look into this matter and take steps to remedy a grievance bitterly resented by many visitors to their country. It is not very long since a distinguished English woman novelist was taken to the island (for no reason, so far as her fellow passengers could judge, than that her cabin was untidy) and detained there until urgent representations were received from the British Embassy.

Leading Ladies.

Miss Faith Celli, I hear, is to be leading lady at the St. Martin's Theatre in Milne's new comedy, "The Great Broxopp." Drury Lane's new leading lady will be Miss Moyna McGill. The play at the Lane, as I announced some time ago, is a German spectacular production called "Kreisler," involving novel stage mechanism whereby several scenes can be played simultaneously.



Miss Moyna McGill.

thought that Matheson Lang seemed very interested. The part of the Hungarian general would certainly suit him. Opinions on the play differ, but the audience was sufficiently interested to stay till the end, which meant a great missing of trains.

German Aeroplanes.

One of the penalties which the French are beginning to talk of applying is the seizure of the German air fleet. We shall certainly hear more of that threat, for they are firmly convinced that the Germans aim at constructing an immense fleet of commercial machines, built on such lines that they can quickly be transformed into military machines, and using it against them, and they hope to nip the project in the bud.

In Russia Too!

A recent article in *The Daily Mirror* showed how this German scheme had been facilitated by the development of Herr Junkers' standardised all-metal aeroplane. The trouble is that the machines are being built, not only in Germany, but also in Russia—more particularly at Smolensk, so that far-reaching operations may be needed to stop the supply at the source.

Mind of the German.

Somebody told me a story yesterday which I think hits off rather neatly the mentality of the German business men from whom France is trying to extract reparations. It happened in a pretty little hotel in Southern Germany, where my friend had been congratulating the landlord on the view across the valley to a neighbouring "hydro." "Ja, ja," said mine host, "sehr gut, the hydro. If you know anybody mit some monies to invest I can buy it very cheap for you."

Hiding the Profits.

My friend, who knows the district fairly well, remarked that he had heard the place spoken of before as rather a white elephant. "They tell me it never paid," he observed. The landlord shook his head vigorously. "Nein, nein, not true!" he replied indignantly. "Before the war I was there, the Direktor, and I know all about. Ja, so, it did not pay—the shareholders!"

Garvice on the Stage.

I hear that a dramatised version of one of the late Charles Garvice's novels, entitled "Just a Girl," will be seen on the stage shortly. It is to be produced at Croydon. Miss Iris Hoye will play the part of the heroine and a leading part will be taken by Mr. James Lindsay.

Plays in the Making.

Managers should fear no scarcity of good plays during the season. Three of the most talented of our young dramatists, whom I have met recently, Mr. A. A. Milne, Mr. St. John Ervine and Mr. Reginald Berkeley, all assure me that they are at work on new full length plays, which they hope to complete shortly.

Omnibus English.

English people who visit Paris will find that many difficulties in the way of language have been smoothed over. The latest innovation is the introduction of interpreters on the motor-buses running on the routes most patronised by visitors. Classes in English have been started for the conductors, and those who speak English are to be provided with armlets.

Famous Sermons Discontinued.

There are to be no special Sunday evening sermons for undergraduates at Oxford this term. This, I am told, is due to difficulties consequent on a change of vicars. The greatest preachers in the Church of England used to fill the pulpit for these undergraduate services, to which the public, also, was admitted.

Perfume Fountains.

On each side of his window a well-known Parisian perfumier has placed two perfume fountains, where all and sundry passing by may scent their handkerchiefs. Some days, I am told, there is even a queue, in which business men take their turns with shop girls and women of fashion.



Priscilla Countess Annesley, one of the beauties of society, who has returned from a tour of America.



The new Viscountess Portman, whose husband, the Hon. Claude Portman, has just succeeded his brother.

Famous Footballer.

Lord Kinnaird, the state of whose health is causing great anxiety, was at one time one of the most famous football players in England, and he is still president of the Football Association. He is described in a football handbook published in 1873 as "without exception the best player of the day, capable of taking any place on the field."

Thackeray and the Zoo.

The Zoo, which loses its superintendent with the retirement of Mr. R. I. Pocock, was a favourite haunt of Thackeray. "If I have cares on my mind," he once wrote, "I come to the Zoo, and fancy they don't pass the gate; I recognise my friends, my enemies, in countless cages."

Jane's Solitary Kiss.

Now that the kiss is being pilloried—it is even to be banned in the streets of Rome—I am reminded of Jane Austen's record. Mr. Walkley once pointed out that one kiss only appeared in all her novels—and that one of a lover's. "I have reckoned up five and twenty shrubberies in the novels," he added. "Five and twenty shrubberies, and not one kiss! These, I submit are notable statistics."

From My Diary.

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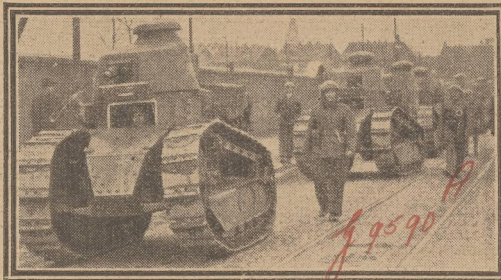
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Mrs. Marguerite Crofton leaving the Divorce Court yesterday after being granted a decree nisi against her husband, the Hon. A. M. L. Crofton. She stated that her husband had written refusing to return to her.

RUHR TO BE BLOCKADED?



French tanks passing through Gladbeck in the occupied districts of the Ruhr. The French threaten in reply to the strike, it is reported, to blockade the Ruhr Valley.

EGYPTIAN



A modern hat based on an ancient Egyptian style. The hat is made of silk straw and is decorated with a wide band and a large, ornate feather or ornament on the side.



STRAY CAT WINS.—Snoozor Boy with his owner, Joseph Frasca, who picked up the cat in the streets. Snoozor Boy has just won a first prize in an international cat show held in New York.



CONSTABLE'S BRAVERY.—Constable John T. Johnson, of the Sheffield Police, has been awarded the King's Police Medal for pursuing and capturing an alleged burglar in spite of the fact that he was fired at.



SPEECH IN FRENCH.—Mr. Justice Darling with his daughter. On his recent speech in French, the Judge has been complimented by the French Consul-General.



MANNING THE GUNS.—Naval cadets just passed out from Dartmouth College, receiving gunnery instruction on board the battleship Thunderer. Viscount Borodale, Earl Beatty's son, is among the party on this ship.



Sir F. Black dressing for the part of President of the Court.



TURNED OUT.—Dr. Marjorie Harcourt, the Hampstead woman doctor, was turned out of Bloomsbury County Court yesterday for attempting to influence the jury.



CLAIM.—Mr. G. Everett, hearing of whose claim against Islington Guardians for alleged malicious prosecution of a bankruptcy petition was resumed yesterday.



Cæsar, a noble ass, fed with a carrot by Blue Bird (Miss Bussey).

COMEDY.—A "biological comedy" has been played at Morley College.



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BACHELOR ADOPTS BABIES



Mr. Mark Prentiss, an American bachelor who was in Smyrna at the time of the great fire, with two Smyrna babies which he has adopted and taken to the United States.

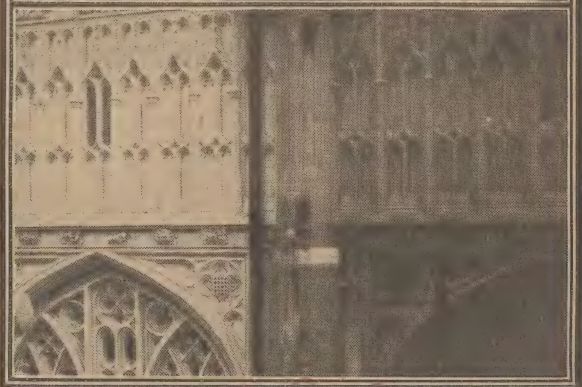


THAMES TRAGEDY. Mr. W. J. Clark, a Manor Park estate agent, whose body was taken from the Thames at Grays, Essex. On December 9 he left his house ostensibly for a business appointment.



VETERAN DOWN. Bill Brennan, of Chicago, goes down before Floyd Johnson, the Iowa giant, in their heavy-weight match in New York. Johnson won easily on points in fifteen rounds against his much older opponent.

RENEWING FADED GLORIES



Above, a skilled mason at work on the restoration of the Henry VII. Chapel, one of the architectural glories of Westminster Abbey. Below, a facade which shows the new and the old.



Mr. McGloin traces the outline of a portrait of his sister



Mr. Stevens tries to recognise Lord Haig's silhouette by touch.

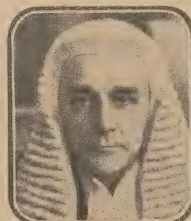
SILHOUETTES.—Handrup, the silhouette artist, has visited the blind of St. Dunstan's



AMENDED PROHIBITION?—Citizens of Washington, the United States capital, joining in a popular vote taken in the streets on the question of the amendment or retention of the prohibition laws.



BATTLE OF LIZARDS.—Two giant Australian lizards in a fight to the death. They are battling almost like human wrestlers.



NEW BENCHER.—Mr. H. L. Hart, K.C., who has been elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple. He has been Recorder of Ipswich since 1915.



EX-M.P. DEAD.—Sir George Toulmin, a Lancashire newspaper proprietor, who was M.P. for Bury from 1902 till 1918, has died at Preston. He was treasurer of the Newspaper Society.

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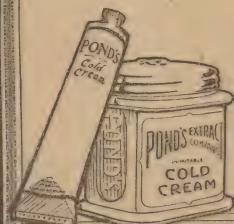
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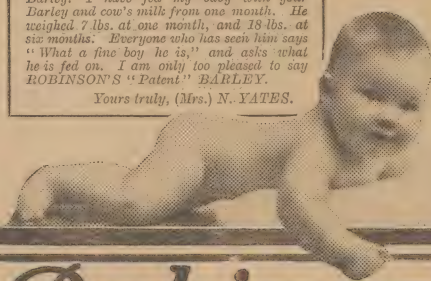


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If you are seriously going to keep pet lambs you must have at least one pen—I believe lambs live in pens—and one meadow. As I have neither of these things, what, I ask you, am I to do? Angelina will not hear of the lamb living in the kitchen or the scullery; on the other hand, I sternly refuse to allow Lottie to

occupy the study or the dining-room or any of the bedrooms.

As matters stand, therefore, the only place where Lottie can live—if she stays in the house—is on the stairs. And what respectable, quiet living householder would care to have a lamb gambolling up and down the stairs all day and baa-ing at all hours of the night?

The owner of Lottie must certainly be found. Perhaps this little notice may catch his or her eye:—

FOUND—PET LAMB.

White, woolly coat and black legs. Blue eyes. "Baa-s" in a very high voice. Will owner please communicate with Uncle Dick?

I expect Wilfred would be furious if he saw this, but, fortunately, he can't read!

Your affectionate
Uncle Dick.

WILFRED'S LITTLE FRIEND.

Can You Write a "Nonsense Nursery Rhyme"?

LOTTIE, the little lamb whom Wilfred has adopted, has already inspired some of my young friends to verse. Several "nonsense nursery rhymes" have arrived at the office, some signed "Nephew" or "Niece," others "Poet-laureate," "The Muse," etc. Do you think you could write them as well? Here are some of the best:—

Wilfred found a little lamb,
Playing in the garden;
He gave it cabbage-stalks to eat,
And never begged his pardon!

Lottie was a little lamb,
She didn't care a button;
'Tis nice to see her playing now,
For one day she'll be mutton!

Wilfred had a little lamb,
Its feet were black as soot;
And everywhere that Wilfred
His sooty foot he put.

Wilfred had a little lamb,
Squeak christened it dear
"Lottie";
Pip thought the whole affair
De-ci-dedly "potty"!

Wilfred had a little lamb,
With pretty little feet;
The little bunny says "Nunc,
nunc!"
The little lamb says "Bleat!"

Wilfred's little "Lottie lamb,"
You'll see her in the paper;
Every time that Wilfred
Danced,
The little lamb would caper.

Wilfred has a little lamb
With lots of fleecy wool,
And Wilfred—just to tease his
lamb—
Her woolly wool will pull.
Why not try your hand at
some "nonsense nursery
rhymes" on Wilfred's lamb?
They needn't all begin "Wil-
fred had a little lamb"—just
start them how you like. I
will give a prize for every one
used.

PRIZEWINNERS.

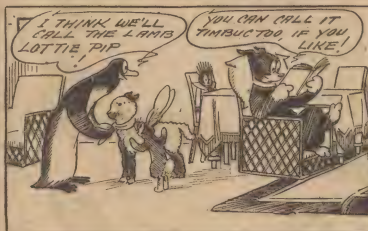
Here are the prizewinners in the
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(£2)—F. Knight (age 13), Putney.
Third Prize (£1 10s.)—G. Tufnell
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Harris (Clapham); G. Hudson
(Abbey Wood); D. Wilson (E. 17);
J. Beadell, D. Price, R. Peadar, S.
Tyler (Alverstoke); E. Pratt (Kew
Gardens); E. Munjey, J. Sharp
(Northwood); E. Temple, W. Walters,
R. Phillips (Yusaddu), P. Weston
(Weston-super-Mare); N. Wye, P.
Martin (Clapham); K. Webster
(Crouch End); D. Armon, M. Easton,
Anon, D. McNamee, G. Graham
(Peterborough); M. McNab, D.
Dolly, A. Mann, H. Perry (Dor-
set); D. Beak, B. Smith (Little
Bromwich); J. Lambden, E. Cheek,
W. Berth, A. Widd (Clapham);
L. Hardy (Grange), K. Puttock,
R. Burnstern, W. Parramour, H.
Brande, G. Turner (W. 11), H. Mc-
Call.

Forty Prizes of Half-Crowns have
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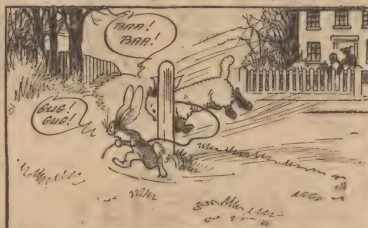
WILFRED AND LOTTIE "HUNG UP" DURING STROLL.



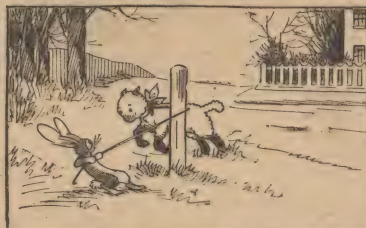
1. Wilfred is, of course, immensely delighted with his new friend, Lottie the lamb.



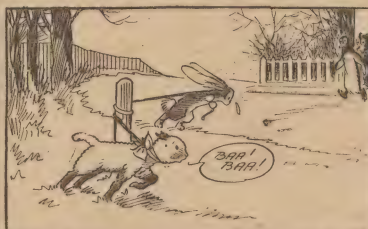
2. "You may take her for a little walk," said Squeak yesterday. "Don't go far."



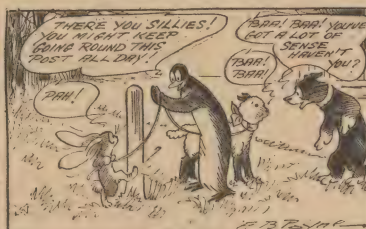
3. The two young things gambolled off together; Wilfred held Lottie on a string.



4. This string, however, caught on a post, and both pets couldn't move an inch!



5. Tug as they would, they couldn't get free. Wilfred was in a terrible temper.



6. Squeak had to rescue them. "You sillies!" she cried. "Why couldn't you go round the post?"

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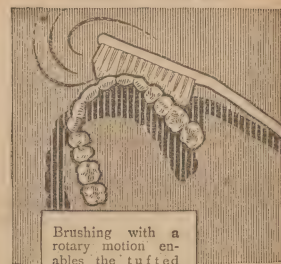
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During this frank decision from a well-known specialist, Robin Marchant, young, handsome and strong, decides to break away from his old life. He plans to go out into the world, during which he will live the life of a tramp, sleeping in barns and existing on a few pence daily. Before starting he comes to the rescue of his cousin, esplanaded character who is in the clutches of a blackmailer named Dulham. Ferrers has foolishly written indiscreet letters to a Miss Nina Salisbury, and rather than let them be brought to the notice of his wife—whom he himself really loves and for whom Robin has a deep respect—he decides to pay Dulham.



Robin Marchant.

Robin lends him the money and then starts on his holiday. One day, while resting by the roadside, he is observed by a beautiful girl. Taking him for a real tramp, she taunts him with his laziness and finally offers him work.

He accepts the offer and then finds that the girl, who appeared to be a tramp, is really a fine old Elizabethan house. He sees her father, and after being engaged as a chauffeur's assistant learns that a visitor, a Mr. Farrel, is expected.

To his amazement Rawley turns out to be none other than Dulham, the blackmailer! Luckily he had never seen Robin before, though the latter had seen him.

TWO OF A FEATHER.

"WHAT are you gaping at?" muttered Purvis under his breath. "Get-a-move on."

Robin Marchant, the tramp, pushed, and the large car was moved aside, while Mr. Rawley's was dragged on to the way.

"Now you get and wash that there car, and let's see 'ow you do it," said Purvis.

The three, the obvious master of the house, the young mistress and the guest had gone. Glad I stayed in Ferrer's office that day to get a look at the blackmailer, thought Marchant. "Dulham—Rawley—very interesting!"

Purvis propped his back against a warm, sunny wall and smoked his pipe. The new underling, the helper, seemed to know something about his work. "Dirty, ragged-looking cove, too," thought the chauffeur.

"There's the leather; wash 'er down," he said. He was not sorry that Miss Alaine had introduced the new comers. "By-and-by I might make something of you."

"Thanks. The thought is encouraging."

"What's your blinking name?" Purvis inquired.

"Smith."

"Huh! Well, I suppose it's as good as any other."

"The elderly gentleman on the horse, who might he be?" Smith asked.

"Him! That's Sir Geoffrey Farrel, my boss and yours."

"Oh! And the young lady, the one who engaged me?"

Miss Alaine, his daughter. And went on Purvis, who was not disinclined to talk of the chap as arrived just now, 'im 'oo's car you are cleaning—and not doing it so dusty neither—that's Mr. Gordon Rawley. He's a bit of a swell, plenty of money and after Miss Alaine."

"Oh!" said Smith, and went on with his work.

It was rather curious to consider that perhaps this very car that he was hired to clean had been bought with his own money—the money paid over to Dulham the blackmailer by Ferrers that day some six weeks ago.

Robin remembered how at the mention of the man's name a tinge of colour had come into the girl's cheeks. What did it mean? Did it mean that that blackguard was anything to her, might be anything, that in any possible way she was interested in him?

Robin Marchant, henceforth Smith, brought his white teeth and hand together. "Well, he isn't going to be if I know anything. The long arm of coincidence is in this, and between us—the long arm and myself—we are going to crush Mr. Dulham somehow."

The young girl and the two men had entered the house on leaving the garage. The interior was well in keeping with its exterior. From the dusky recesses of the panelled walls of the hall old armour glinted.

Rawley looked at him approvingly. He was not without taste. He appreciated good things, things that had been handed down through many generations, things that meant history.

It was a fine place, a noble house; and the girl herself, standing there unconscious that the sun shining in through the latticed window singled her slender figure out and threw it into strong relief against the dusky background, was the finest and most desirable feature of all.

"Good of you to run over, Rawley," Sir Geoffrey said. "By the way, Alaine, my dear, where did you pick up that ragged scarecrow of a fellow?"

"In a ditch," the girl said. "He was sleeping in a ditch, and I taunted him. I think he accepted the job as a challenge. I don't really believe he wanted work, but when I offered it he would hardly refuse."

"I hope you left nothing of any value in the car, Rawley?" Sir Geoffrey said.

"He was a big man, broad of shoulder, grey of

hair. His face was heavy and cast in somewhat sullen lines; his nose large, fleshy, protuberant; the lips full.

One might look long at father and daughter to find any likeness between them, for there was none. They were cast in entirely different moulds.

There was a proud curl to the girl's lips; in the man the lip was heavy and drooping. Not in eyes, in feature, or in character were they alike. Yet he was Sir Geoffrey Farrel, last of a long line of Farrels, lords and owners of Frayne Court; and she was his only child, Alaine.

"I'll leave you two alone," he said. "I've some correspondence to attend to. See you later, Rawley." He paused. "You'll stay and dine, of course."

"I should like to," Rawley turned to look at the girl and a change came over him. It was evident what was the reason for his somewhat frequent visits to Frayne.

"It's cool and pleasant in here, Miss Alaine," he said. "That's the best of these old houses, with their thick walls. It must have been a great happiness to you to have your father back after his wanderings."

"Yes," the girl said listlessly.

"He was so many years away."

She nodded.

"Did you hardly remembered him when he came back?"

"I was only three when he went and eighteen when he came back, two years ago. Fifteen years is a long time in a lifetime of only eight."

"Of course!" His eyes narrowed. "But you had portraits of him, paintings, old photographs, possibly?"

"Nothing!" the girl said. "Nothing! My father—"

She paused, then was silent.

He stood looking at her, looking at her beauty. Lighted up by the sunshine that came in through the window, her little head seemed to be ringed about by a halo of gold. Her face thoughtful, with its deep, serious violet eyes.

"Alaine," he said, suddenly, "have you guessed the meaning of my perhaps too constant visits here of late?"

"She turned to him quickly."

"Please," she said

"—please don't. Perhaps I have guessed, but—but, please, I prefer not to. You see,"

she went on hurriedly,

"my father has not been with me long. I meant to devote my life to him when he should come back."

His life has been troubled and unhappy. Now—now, at last—"

She paused, not knowing how to continue.

"Alaine, you must not put him first; you must consider your own future—"

"I tried to take her hand, but she drew away from him."

"Please, Mr. Rawley," she said, "and now you must excuse me. There is something that I must attend to."

She smiled at him, but there was a curious look in her face.

"Your protégé, your ragged friend in the garage?" he said with a sneer.

"Yes. I had almost forgotten him, but you remind me. I must make arrangements about him."

Pictures hung round the big hall, portraits of dead and gone Farrels. Sir Geoffrey, the Elizabethan sea-dog; Sir Geoffrey, who had fought for his King at Stamford; Sir Geoffrey, the smug, bewhiskered early Victorian; Sir Geoffrey, the Georgian buck; Sir Geoffrey, the Cornishman—they were all here.

Rawley drew his chair close to the table, so that he sat within a foot or so of the master of the house.

He lighted his cigar and leaned forward so that his fingers and hand holding it rested on the table.

"I hope and believe you may guess what my errand here is," he said.

"I have some idea of it."

"I trust that I have your good wishes and support."

"We haven't known one another very long, Rawley, and as a father, as a father—you understand?"

Rawley leaned a little more forward, and the burning end of his cigar touched

the left sleeve of the other man's coat. "I am fairly well to do," he went on. "That you must have guessed for yourself."

"My love for Alaine is utterly and entirely unconnected with any desire for gain; money has no part whatever in my plans for the future. You are—forgive me for saying it—a youngish man yet. It is not beyond the realms of probability that you may marry again, in which case you might have a son who would inherit."

"That is so," said Farrel, grimly. "It is a subject I have considered."

"That being so,—"

Farrel uttered a sudden and sharp exclamation, then leaped to his feet, clutching his arm.

"By George! Your coat's on fire!" Rawley cried. "Let me help you!"

With an oath Farrel stripped off his coat and Rawley crushed out the smouldering spark that he himself had made.

"Burned your arm? Let's see. Ah!"

There was scarcely a mark of the burn on the forearm, but there was something else—something which Rawley riveted his eyes on.

"That was a fool thing to do!" Farrel cried.

"You must have done it, and—by George, I believe—"

"That I did it on purpose! You are right. I was curious; now I am satisfied. I wanted to see that again."

He pointed to a tattoo mark on Farrel's arm.

"The last time I saw that elegant device was in a certain reeking den in Singapore," he went on. "There was a game of fan-tan in progress. The room was crowded, mostly with Orientals, and I remember a big man—a man whose name I afterwards ascertained was Collinor."

Farrel started and gripped his big hands tightly.

"Evenly," Rawley continued, "Collinor, who was second mate on the Esther Longton, had been on the drink for some days. He was fighting mad that day. He lost his money and ran amok."

"What a what has all this to do with me?" Farrel cried.

"He killed a half-breed Chinaman. I saw it done and helped the fellow to get away after-



Alaine held out the coins to him. "I am giving you this money," she said, "on account of your first week's wages." "That is very nice." If he were hurt, he certainly did not show it. Then, remembering certain habits associated with tramps, he bit each coin thoughtfully.

wards. "I don't forget faces, Farrel, and I don't forget marks such as I saw on that man's arm. I wanted to see if by any chance you carried a similar mark."

They looked straight into one another's eyes.

"What—what the dickens do you mean by all this?"

"Only that I know perfectly well who you are, Collinor. I knew you from the start. From the moment you were pointed out to me in one of the London clubs as Sir Geoffrey Farrel I knew you for Collinor. But I was taking no chance. I wanted to see your arm, and now I've seen it."

Farrel lifted a huge fist, and it seemed about to come crashing down on the other man's head. Then he thought better of it and sat down heavily.

"What's the game then—blackmail?"

"Something like it; we'll put it in another way. Your support and good wishes, eh?"

"Can you doubt? Alaine, of course!"

Farrel drew a long breath and stared at the other.

"So you—you knew me all the time?"

"All the time, but I wanted that final proof. Of course, one might be mistaken," he went on. "There are certain points of dissimilarity between the well-groomed country gentleman and a half-painted drunken sailor. But where is Farrel?"

"That's nothing to you. He's dead, if you like."

"So long as he does not turn up until at least after my marriage with Alaine it is a matter of indifference to me."

"And that is your price—Alaine, eh?"

"None other!"

"It looks," said Farrel slowly, "as if it is a price that I shall have to pay, or—"

he paused and frowned at his own thoughts.

"I shouldn't consider the alternative," Raw-

ley said quickly. "You see, I have put the whole facts of the case in your hands. I'm remembering how you snuck the Chinaman, I decided to keep on the safe side."

"If anything should happen to me, another person will deal with you, another person who is fully acquainted with the whole story from start to finish."

"And the other person?"

"My sister Nina," said Rawley. "I'd like you to invite her down here. I feel sure that she and Alaine would become the best of friends."

A MAN WORTH SAVING.

THE task was finished. Smith had put the final polish on the car, and had done it very satisfactorily. After that he had turned the hose on his own person, had soaked his head and neck well and looked the better for it.

Scarcely were his ablutions at an end when a side door opened and Miss Farrel stepped into the garage yard.

Purvis had vanished, and Smith was unaware of her presence. He stood, clad in trousers and shirt, the latter open at the neck, and the girl looked at him.

Her father had lightly alluded to him as a brand she was saving from the burning. He was certainly a brand worthy the saving.

His wet hair clung to his shapely head, his neck was strong, broad, framed his shoulders and down his chest, and yet for all his strength and manhood she had found him lying like a log in a ditch. Her lips curled with scorn at the memory of it.

"You!" she said.

Smith turned, buttoning the neck of his ragged shirt.

"As a matter of convenience," he said, "I might mention that my name is Smith."

She looked him squarely in the eyes. "Very well."

If she had expected humility and the bearing of a menial, if she had thought that this man, realising his position as young mistress of this fine place would cringe to her, she was mistaken. His eyes met hers frankly. They suggested amusement, in some way they angered her.

"This creature has a certain pride," she thought. "Very well, I will humiliate him."

She took out a small silver chain purse, slowly and deliberately opened it, and extracted two half-crowns. Smith watched her with interest.

She held out the coins to him. "I am giving you this money on account of your first week's wages."

"That is very nice." If he were hurt he certainly did not show it. He took the coins, and then, remembering certain habits associated with tramps and such like, he bit each one thoughtfully.

"They are quite good."

"They seem all right."

"You will receive twenty-five shillings a week."

"Solendid!"

"If you require lodgings, my maid tells me that her people let lodgings occasionally in the village. The name is Biggs. You had better go, I think, and make your arrangements."

"It is a pity your clothes are not—"

"Possibly the Biggses are not particular," she suggested.

"You," he was thinking as he looked at her, "are very lovely, you are the most beautiful girl I have ever seen. You thought you would cover me with confusion by giving me money, but you are disappointed."

"You are not assisting me out of charity, because you have a little flint stone for a heart. You are admiring yourself because you saved a man out of a ditch. If you only had a heart to match your face you would be the most lovable thing in the world, but you haven't."

"I should feel sorry, very sorry indeed, for myself if I happened to fall in love with you, but, of course, I shan't."

Yet, of course, he had!

To fall in love is one thing, to realise it is another. One is a matter of the heart, the other of the brain. Smith's heart might be affected, yet he was supremely unconscious of the fact.

He could not but admire her. So many lovely of the nature, no man in whose veins red blood flowed could look on such beauty, such grace, such radiant youth and health and remain indifferent.

"You will kindly remember," she spoke in her haughtiest, most forbidding tone, "that when you draw my wage I am your employer. You will either treat me with respect and—deference—"

"Ah! That's a good word!" he said.

Her eyes blazed; she felt hurt with anger. She would dismiss this man—send him about his impudent business. Never had she felt so angry with anyone. It was not like her to be angry.

She turned her back on him, and he watched her to the arched door set in the wall that divided the garage yard from the flower garden.

Then he laughed—laughed from sheer enjoyment. He had not meant to, particularly; he had not meant to laugh out loud. But he did, and she heard it.

Her face crimsoned. She brought white teeth down to red under lip, and with considerable force slammed the arched-topped door to after her.

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DISPUTE OF £100,000 OVER ANTIQUES.

"Fake" Allegations in Big
Furniture Deal.

ASSESSOR'S TASK.

Chippendale Chairs Problem —£16 Incense Burner.

A furniture transaction involving over £100,000 again came before the courts yesterday when Sir Ernest Pollock, one of the High Court official referees, began the task of assessing upon expert evidence a large number of works of art and other articles of furniture alleged not to be antiques. The hearing was adjourned.

The action out of which the inquiry arose was heard by the Lord Chief Justice in November.

It was brought by Mr. Adolphe Shrager, of Kent Lodge, Westgate-on-Sea, against Mr. Basil Dighton and Mr. Basil Lewis Dighton, of Savile-row, and Mr. Harry Walter Lawrence, of Circus-road, St. John's Wood.

Mr. Shrager alleged that he was induced to spend £100,000 in the furnishing and fitting of his house on the strength of representations that the furniture, etc., were genuine antiques and "collectors' pieces."

He claimed that he was not liable to pay the purchase money, and asked for damages for breach of warranty, as the goods were not as represented.

He claimed, alternatively, the return of £85,264 money paid.

The defendant's counter-claim for £1,700. Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., announced that he appeared to represent the British Antique Dealers' Association, and he was instructed to state that if the Court required the assistance of any member of the council of that body it would be given without fee.

FORMING A COLLECTION.

Mr. Rowand Brown, for Mr. Shrager, said the action was against Basil Dighton, Ltd., for damages for misrepresentation and, alternatively, for breach of warranty, the description of the goods being untrue.

The total transaction amounted to £111,193, and the payments made by Mr. Shrager amounted to £88,200.

Mr. Shrager's desire, said counsel, was to obtain a collection which would increase in value. In many instances, he alleged, pieces stated to be originals were merely copies. One picture represented as an original old painting was only original, said counsel, in so far as it was painted on canvas. The picture was an old subject, but the painting was modern.

The purchases dealt with by counsel were collected from various places from time to time extending over a considerable period. They were, he said, not as represented, being in many instances faked and charged for at an outrageous price.

In one instance Mr. Shrager has been charged £3,000 for ten chairs and two settees, said to be Chippendale, which he had never received, and which were not Chippendale. He was also charged £83 for re-covering and £40 for material for these chairs, which had not been delivered to him.

In another instance he had been charged £16 for an incense burner which he required for synagogue service, he being a Jew. This article was Birmingham made, and was probably not worth more than a few shillings.

WEDDING DAY PARTING.

Restitut on Sequel to Marriage Kept Secret from Wife's Mother.

A woman's secret marriage and her separation from her husband on the day of the wedding had a sequel in the Divorce Court yesterday, when Mr. Justice Horridge granted a restitution decree to Mrs. Fanny Atwell Marshall Vert, of Seaford, Sussex.

Mrs. Vert said she made the acquaintance of Mr. Charles James Vert in 1908, while she and her mother were staying at a London hotel, where he was in the office.

They were married on December 14 of that year, the ceremony being kept secret, as she did not want her mother to know, and on the same day she and her mother left the hotel.

When they returned three months later Mr. Vert was not there. She and her mother went to New Zealand, and after they came back a year later she met him accidentally in London.

Later he wrote that they could never live together, and that she could get her freedom by making inquiries at a Reading hotel.

MISSING SECRETARY.

Society's Books Burnt—Deficit of £600 in Accounts.

The continued absence of Counsellor J. Stephens, the secretary who has been missing since January 1, has placed the Southall and District Horticultural Society, in a difficult position.

The chairman, Mr. C. J. Batchelor, told a meeting that in October last the secretary presented a balance-sheet, but when asked to produce the books he always had some reason for not doing so. They now found that the books had been burnt.

The position, he said, was that there was, roughly, £600 out of £1,245 odd not paid into the account.

Members are voluntarily subscribing to wipe out the debt to the council.

"TERRIERS" NEEDED.

Recruiting Average Reaches
430 Men a Week.

STILL 40,000 SHORT.

By Our Political Correspondent.

The first three months of the new recruiting year of the Territorial Army have produced 5,187 recruits—an average of some 430 a week.

London, which held the premier place, has now to give way to the Western Command, which in three months produced 975 men. The Western Command consists of the Lancashire and Welsh divisions.

The total strength of the Territorials, exclusive of their permanent staff, is now 134,241—a figure approximately 2,000 in excess of the strength in January, 1922.

This increase is small in comparison with the increase recorded during the first year of recruiting after the reorganisation of the Army, but during 1922 several thousands of men who joined up for one and two years retired on the completion of their service. Otherwise, of course, the gain would have been much more.

Some 40,000 men are still required to complete the peace establishment of the Territorial Army.

BOY FIRES SCHOOL.

£70 Blaze Started Because He Wanted To Be Expelled.

When, at Feltham yesterday, a boy of eleven, Rex Allan Prebble, a boarder of the Hawththorpe, Ashford, was bound over on the charge of setting fire to the school and endangering the lives of Mr. Francis Ball, the master, and Mrs. Mary Ball, his father was also bound over to be responsible for his good behaviour for a year.

Damage amounting to about £70 was caused by the fire, which the boy started in a maid's room upstairs by setting light to a lot of inflammable material.

When he was given into custody, Prebble said to the police: "I set fire to the house because I wanted to be expelled from the school."

COOL HOTEL THEFT.

Man Who Demanded Key and Then Ransacked Suit-Case.

A particularly cool theft was perpetrated on Saturday night at the Regent Palace Hotel.

A man entered the building and asked the porter for the key to a certain bedroom. No suspicion being aroused, the request was complied with, and the man proceeded to the room, unlocked the door and entered.

He then cut open the suit-case belonging to the proper occupant of the room and extracted a platinum bar-brooch, with a gold-set diamond, surrounded by a number of smaller stones, valued at about £50.

He then left the hotel in the ordinary manner. The man is described as being between forty and fifty years of age, and having a broken nose.

THE PETS AS HOSTS.

Two Theatre Parties to Entertain 1,000 Children.

Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, the famous Daily Mirror pets, are playing the part of hosts this week to 1,000 poor children.

Thanks to the kindness of Moss Empires, Limited, 500 children will be invited, through them, to attend a matinee performance to-morrow at the Olympia, Liverpool, of the well-known revue, "Round In Fifty."

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress have promised to attend, and Messrs. William Frank, Limited, will present each child with a bag of sweets.

On Friday, again through the generosity of Moss Empires, another 500 poor children will be present at a matinee performance at the Empire, Cardiff, of the highly successful Wylie-Tate pantomime, "Aladdin."

The Lord Mayor (Alderman J. J. E. Biggs) and the Lady Mayoress will attend the performance.

CONFIDENCE TRICK: 1923.

Old Spanish Castle Ruse Replaced by "Fortune in Smyrna."

Confidence tricksters in London are exploiting the old Spanish swindle in new style.

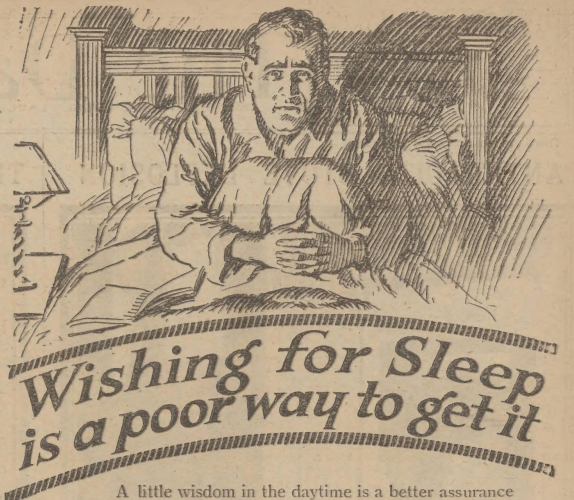
The up-to-date version of the decoy letter employed in this fraud no longer has reference to the "castle in Spain" inducement to part with money.

The place is taken by a large fortune in Smyrna left to the writer of the letter, who, of course, requires funds to enable him to prosecute his claim to the property.

A man who was too wide awake to be caught, handed the letter he received to Scotland Yard, who issue a warning to others who may be invited to invest on the strength of a fictitious fortune in Greece.

HOUNDS STOP EXPRESS.

An express to Birmingham was held up by hounds in full cry just outside Stafford. So keen was the pack on the scent that the approaching express was not noticed. The huntsman quickly called them off and the train proceeded.



A little wisdom in the daytime is a better assurance of rest than any amount of anxious wishing when nerves are a-jangle at night.

What you do at noon often has more influence on sleep than what you want and hope for, at midnight.

Tea and coffee's drug element, caffeine, whips up the nerves, and when its use is continued there is usually a penalty which no amount of mental effort can avoid.

The part of wisdom, as so many thousands have found, is to turn away from nerve-stimulation, and adopt Instant Postum as the mealtime drink. It has a delicious coffee-like flavour and aroma and brings no disturbance to nerves or digestion. Even little children can share in the enjoyment of Instant Postum at any meal.

It is better to anticipate warnings than to be driven by them. It is better to encourage and preserve sound nerves and complete health than to listen to the clock ticks at night and say—"I wish I could sleep."

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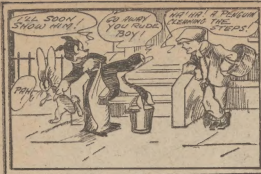
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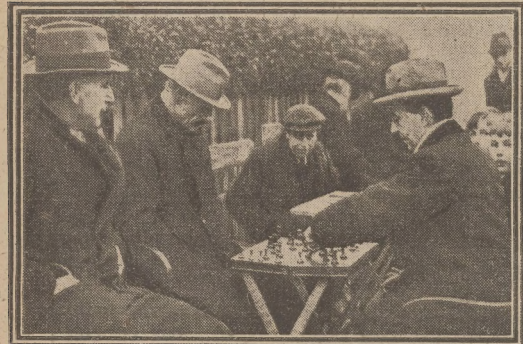


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ANTHRACITE STOVE EXPLOSION



The remains of an anthracite stove which exploded in a house at Beaconsfield (Bucks) and a wardrobe, twenty feet away at the time of the explosion, the mirror of which was smashed.



OPEN-AIR CHESS.—Chess enthusiasts enjoying a game in the open on Clapham Common, where chess players are to be seen daily throughout the year, even during the coldest of weather.

TREASURE FROM THE TOMB OF THE PHARAOH



A box of wood inlaid with gold and two black cupboards being carried from the tomb.



ORATORY WEDDING.—Mr. Alec Chasemore, of Ashleigh, Horsham, and his bride, Miss Enid Thomas, leaving after their marriage yesterday at the London Oratory.—Daily Mirror photograph.



Two chariot wheels being brought into the open.

Increasing interest is being taken in the discoveries in the tomb of King Tut-ankh Amen at Luxor, Egypt, and the revelation of the contents of the inner chamber is eagerly awaited.



ICE-SKIMMING THRILLS.—An enthusiastic sports girl experiencing the exhilaration of being lifted in mid-air as her ice yacht rounds a bend on the lakes of Minneapolis.



TO WED.—Lieutenant-Commander E. G. C. Cavendish and Miss Esme F. S. Irby, whose marriage is to take place on Thursday at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge.



TO RIDE THE DEEP.—A youngster astride a giant grouper weighing over 800 pounds and caught off Florida, U.S.A.



2,050 MILES BY CANOE.—Mr. Earl Ruland, of Mayville, New York, arriving at New Orleans after travelling 2,050 miles in his canoe, using various rivers, canals and lakes.